

L-Onsianmic aim

evertheless, the party of Majorinus petitioned the mperor to appoint a commission of Gallican bish-DS to enquire into and report upon their quarrel ith the Bishop of Carthage.

"We appeal to you, Constantino, best, of Kmperors, ice you come of a just stock, for your father was alum* long his colleagues in not putting the persecution into rce, and Gaul was thus spared that frightful rritue. rife has arisen between us and other African Mshnps d we pray that your piety may lead you to grant u:. dges from Gaul."

(Signed by Lucianus, Dignus, Nasutius, ('upiti», Fidentius, and other bishops of the parly ot Majorinus,)

This petition was forwarded by Anuliwis, the pro-nsul, whose covering letter, dated April, 313, :scribes the opponents of Geeilianus as hfinj; solute in refusing obedience. The Emperor, who is in Gaul when the petition reached him, granted e desired commission and instructed the bishops

Cologne, Autun, and Aries to repair to Koine. ecilianus was instructed to attend with the bishop?* longing to his party ; ten of the rival bishops tached to Majorinus were to appear in tin* character accusers, and for judges there were to be MHti.uUv*, shop of Rome, the three Gallican bishops, and fif-2n other Italian bishops selected by MiltiacUts front

parts of the peninsula. They met in October in e palace of the Empress Fausta, on the t.attran, mstantine had already written a letter to Mil-ides, in which he deplored the existence of auch